

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 23-25, and 30 have been amended. Claims 31-52 have been added. Claims 1-52 remain in the application. A Request for Continued Examination is being concurrently submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR §114 (a) (1). A supplemental IDS is being concurrently submitted which include references brought to the attention of Applicant's representative in a related and copending commonly assigned application Serial No. 10/632,042. Further examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

Claims 1, 2, 712, 13, 23-25, and 30 have been amended and new claims 31-52 have been added to claim additional embodiments of the invention disclosed in the Application. Support for the amended claims is found throughout the specification and specifically page 39, lines 13-26, page 40, lines 5-7, and page 40, lines 28-31 as just a few examples. No new matter has been entered. A new supplemental declaration is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.68(b). Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, is hereby requested.

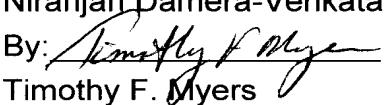
Applicant believes his claims as amended are patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, claims 1-52 are deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the Application other than in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should such fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefore.

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